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PATENT**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Delete claims 3-24.

1. (Amended) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid, disposable insert, [having the general shape of

the inside surface of a laboratory splash pan, wherein said insert is fully enclosed at a distal end to form a splash protective canopy portion, and wherein said insert provides an opening at a proximal end for ease of accessibility to the interior of splash pan.] having a tray-like base, a raised end portion, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan; and

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan.

25. (New) A disposable barrier as recited in claim 1, wherein said extended perimeter means includes a foldable flap extending around a perimeter of the tray-like base, so as to be folded over the elevated lip of a splash pan.

26. (New) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised closed end portion, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised end portion, and an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised closed end portion of the laboratory splash pan;

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an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan; and

a reservoir formed within said insert for retention of a substance.

27. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 26 wherein said reservoir is integrally formed within a bottom surface of said insert.

28. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 26 further comprising a removable cover to secure a substance within said reservoir.

29. (New) A disposable barrier for a laboratory splash pan having a tray-like base, a raised enclosed canopy, and an elevated lip, comprising:

a non-porous rigid disposable insert, having a tray-like base, a raised enclosed canopy, an elevated lip, shaped to provide protection to the interior surface of both the tray-like base and the raised enclosed canopy of the laboratory splash pan; and,

an extended perimeter means formed in said insert for overlying and protecting the elevated lip of the laboratory splash pan.

30. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 29 further comprising a reservoir formed within said insert.

31. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 29 wherein said reservoir is integrally formed within a bottom surface of said insert.

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32. (New) The disposable barrier of claim 29 further comprising a removable cover to secure a substance within said reservoir.